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INTRODUCTION

This report is a summary of our progress toward implementation of the Baker Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision which was issued in July 1989. This document presents the accomplishments from July 1989 to September 1990 and those actions anticipated to be completed during the 1991 fiscal year (October 1990 through September 1991). This summary is not intended to be a comprehensive statement of all activities completed, but rather a brief status report. It is important to reference the RMP while reviewing this update. Additional copies of the RMP are available at this office.

In an effort to better inform you, the Vale District, along with three other eastern Oregon BLM districts is launching a program of enhanced public notification and involvement with this mailer.

What To Expect In This Document

Mailers like this one will be developed annually. While flexible format will be maintained for the mailer, major sections similar to those described below will be included in each edition.

FEATURE REPORT: Reports in this section highlight topics of concern or high public interest within the Baker Resource Area. Featured in this edition is a report on development of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretative Center at Flagstaff Hill directly east of Baker, Oregon. Later editions will report on topics of interest at that particular time. This section may also be used to portray major accomplishments completed during the previous year or upcoming years.

PROGRAM EMPHASIS BY RESOURCE: This section will identify accomplishments from July 1989 through September 1990. It will also identify emphasis areas by each major resource program for Fiscal Year 1991.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC UNIT: This section will summarize the information shown in the **PROGRAM EMPHASIS BY RESOURCE** section; however, it will be portrayed by geographic unit as previously described in the July 1989 RMP.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) REGISTER: The purpose of this section is to improve public participation in the process used to analyze potential impacts of actions on the ground. This section depicts those EAs which analyze on-the-ground actions which may be completed in Fiscal Year 1991 or in future years. It is anticipated future mailers will be issued earlier in the fiscal year which will allow more opportunity for the public to be involved in the environmental assessment process.

VALE DISTRICT MAILING LIST: Considering the complexity of issues being addressed by the Vale District and the need to involve the public in the decision-making process, an accurate mailing list must be maintained. The purpose of this section is to allow you to identify those issues/topics of interest in which you are interested.

In summary, we hope this mailer will bring you up-to-date concerning BLM's implementation of it's land use plans. We want to make future such mailers even better and would appreciate any comments you may have regarding format, con

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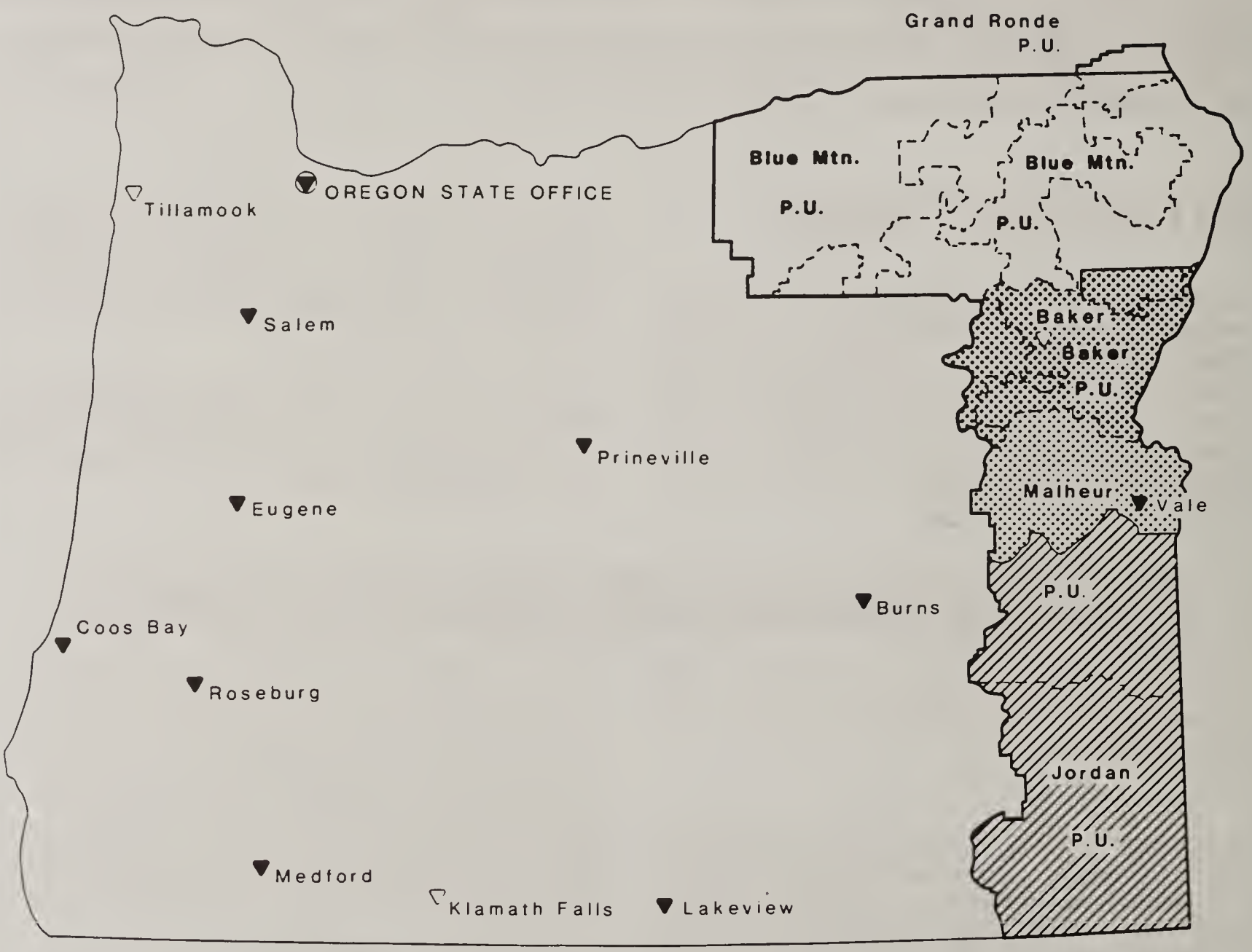
Figure 1
General Location Map



National Historic Oregon Trail Intepretive Center

For almost eighty years the story of America's westward expansion was written along a 2,000 mile stretch of wilderness known as the Oregon Trail. From 1812 to 1890, a steady flow of explorers, missionaries, soldiers, trappers, miners, farmers and cattlemen traveled the emigrant road seeking their fortunes on the nation's western frontier.

A few miles west of the Snake River, in what is now eastern Oregon, the pioneer travelers passed by a rocky bluff - now call Flagstaff Hill - and into the Powder River below. There they passed from the harsh, arid canyons of the Snake and Burnt rivers to the fertile, green valleys of Oregon.

The segment of the Oregon Trail at Flagstaff is very much as it was in the era of overland emigration. The setting evokes much the same feeling experienced by tens of thousands of nineteenth-century pioneers. Seven miles of the Oregon National Historic Trail are visible from the Hill.

The proposal for a full-scale Oregon Trail interpretive center at Flagstaff Hill follows a long history of Oregon Trail observances and interpretation. In January 1987, officials in the city and county of Baker, Oregon, met with local citizens to explore the future of Flagstaff Hill as an important national landmark.

In February 1987, Baker County officials commissioned a study that explored ways to tell the story of the Oregon Trail and preserve the historic route still visible near Flagstaff Hill. The study concluded that a major interpretive center was the logical means for achieving both goals.

County officials determined that the Flagstaff Hill site was an exceptional location for such a center for several reasons: it is historically significant; it is easily accessible being located only four miles east of Baker City on a state highway; it offers an exceptional panorama — little changed from pioneer days; and is positioned overlooking a long, well-preserved stretch of the Oregon Trail.

In the spring of 1987, city and county planners asked Oregon state officials and the state's congressional representatives for help create a federally supported interpretive center.

In August 1987, the county completed a preliminary planning document that proposed a full-scale interpretive center managed by BLM, with facilities and displays that offer a comprehensive exposition of the Oregon Trail era in American history. The plan won support of the Oregon congressional delegation in early 1988; the state of Oregon committed its support to the project in April, 1988. On August 10, 1988, a congressional house-senate conference committee approved a first year funding appropriation of $1.3 million for the project.

In FY89, an additional $100,000 was appropriated to begin site rehabilitation and continued planning and preparation of the design contract. The contract for A/E design was awarded to the PORTICO Group, an architectural engineering firm from Seattle, Washington, in FY90.

The design, completed in January 1991, will enable the BLM to award three contracts in the spring of 1991: one for construction of buildings, roads, trails, utilities, etc.; one for fabrication and installation of interior and exterior exhibits; and one for office furnishings. The construction phase will be completed in the spring of 1992 enabling the facility to open on May 25, 1992. A gala grand opening ceremony is scheduled for that date.

The project will consist of four main components:

1) An interpretive center portraying the dimensions of life on the Oregon Trail supported by a complete maintenance/curation facility.

2) Two "living history" displays: one creating a pioneer encampment, the second depicting a nineteenth-century mining operation.

3) A footpath system paralleling the Oregon Trail and offering visitors a panoramic view of the Trail route.

4) A series of interpretive stations and a number of observation points along the foot path system to explain sights of interest.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center complex at Flagstaff Hill will be a first-rate facility which the Bureau of Land Management can be proud. In addition to the Oregon Trail and related themes, the facility will also tell the BLM's story. Help us welcome this most significant addition to the BLM on Memorial Day, May 25, 1992.

PROGRAM EMPHASIS BY RESOURCE

Range Management

The primary emphasis of the Range Management program will continue to be rangeland enhancement with emphasis on riparian areas. We will continue modifying grazing systems, changing season of use and building exclosures to accomplish management objectives. Monitoring change in and use supervision of livestock operations will also be emphasized.

Riparian Area Management

Riparian management has involved shrub plantings and structure construction.

Part of the Dooley Mountain Wildfire Rehabilitation Plan is to plant another 9000 riparian shrubs and deciduous trees along Sutton Creek. Falling of logs along the contour of hillsides will also be done to reduce side hill erosion. Large wood debris will be placed within the stream channel to aid in its stabilization.

In the Dark Canyon Wildfire Area (instream) log structures have been placed within the channel to reduce velocity. This practice will continue for the next several years.

As part of the Morgan Creek Watershed Plan, instream structures will be placed in Morgan Creek to reduce velocity. Riparian shrub plantings will also continue. These areas along with those streams identified in the Vale District's 5 year riparian enhancement plan will be the primary emphasis.

Wildlife and Fisheries Management

Cooperating and coordinating with other agencies, organizations and individuals to begin implementations

Table 1. Summary of New Allotments and Changes in Acres/AUMs by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	Other Acres	BLM Acres	AUMs	Comments
Lookout Mountain	1001	Snake River/Sisley Creek	I	2,790	23,037	4,693	Old - Split into 4 allotments
	1001	Snake River	I	2,444	10,953	915	New-Split out of the old allot. 1001
	1070	Wells Basin	I	0	1,490	370	New-Split out of the old allot. 1001
Keating	2049	Lower Spring Creek	M	226	1,590	199	New-Split out of the old allot.2032
	2032	Goose Creek	M	345	2,296	268	Old-allot. 2049 was split out
Baker County Miscellaneous	1068	Morgan Mountain	I	73	5,119	938	New-Split out of allot, 1001
	1069	Sisley Creek	I	387	5,467	832	New-Split out of allot. 1001
	1016	Table Mountain	I	455	7,568	2,201	Old-allot. 1071 split out
	1071	Homestead Mountain	C	800	110	11	New-Split out of allot.. 1016
	1002	Iron Mountain	I	157	4,809	876	AUMs increased by 100

Table 2. Summary of Changes in Grazing Systems by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	Use Dates	Grazing System
Lookout Mountain	1001	Snake River/Sisley Creek	I	05/01 to 11/07	Rest rotation (old)
	1001	Snake River	I	04/27 to 11/30	Deferred Rotation (new)
	1070	Wells Basin	I	Late Summer Only	New
Burnt River	1003	Cave Creek	I		Change from spring to fall grazing to 3 years of spring grazing followed by 2 years of fall grazing
Pedro Mountain	1037	Rye Valley	I		Change from spring to fall grazing to 2 years of spring grazing followed by 2 years of fall grazing
Baker County Miscellaneous	1068	Morgan Creek	I	04/27 to 11/23	Rest Rotation (new)
	1069	Sisley Creek	I	04/27 to 11/23	Deferred Rotation (new)

Table 3. Summary of Projects Completed in FY1990 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	Units	Project Description
Lookout Mountain	1001	Snake River	I	1 each	Livestock management corrals
Burnt River	1301	South Bridgeport	I	1 each	Spring Development
	1301	South Bridgeport	I	0.2 miles	Buck & Pole riparian exclosure
	1301	South Bridgeport	I	1.5 miles	Burnt River fence
	1302	North Bridgeport	I	2.0 miles	Dark Canyon temporary fence
Pritchard Creek	2074	Pritchard Creek	I	0.3 miles	Buck & Pole riparian exclosure
	2074	Pritchard Creek	I	0.3 miles	Two barbed wire exclosures
Baker County Miscellaneous	1069	Sisley Creek	I	800 acres	Prescribed burn
	1015	East Table Mountain	I	2 each	Two spring developments
	1048	Nodine Creek	I	2 each	Two spring developments
	2077	Ritter Creek	M	2 miles	Widman fence
	5321	Auburn	C	0.5 miles	Sutton Creek fence
	5321	Auburn	C	1 each	Relocation of existing cattleguard

Table 4. Summary of Allotment Evaluations in FY1990 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category	Project Description
Burnt River	1003	Cave Creek	I	Change grazing system (refer to Table 1)
	1302	North Bridgeport	I	Adopted riparian objectives
Keating	2024	Table Rock	I	Initiated a Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP)
	2105	Love Individual	M	Granted a temporary grazing preference increasefrom 317 AUMs to 400 AUMs
Baker County Miscellaneous	2020	Crews Creek	M	Changed from the "I" category to the "M" category
	2035	Waterspout	I	Changed from the "M" category to the "I" category. Also reduced grazing preference from 605 AUMs to 489 AUMs.
	2108	Keating Highway	M	Granted a temporary grazing preference increasefrom 500 AUMs to 700 AUMs
	2121	East Pleasant Valley	M	No changes were made.

Table 5. Allotment Evaluations to be Completed in FY1991 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category
Burnt River	1301	South Bridgeport	I
Keating	2037	Balm Creek	I
	2055	Clover Creek	I
Pedro Mountain	1037	Rye Valley	I
	1318	Morman Basin	I
Baker County Miscellaneous	1016	Table Mountain	I

Table 6. Allotments Scheduled for Gathering of Field Data in FY1991

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category
Lookout Mountain	1001	Snake River	I
	1070	Wells Basin	I
Keating	2105	Love Individual	M
Powder River	2019	Salt Creek	M
	2084	Powder River	I
Baker County Miscellaneous	1068	Morgan Mountain	I
	1069	Sisley Creek	I
	2021	Seeding Individual	M
	2108	Keating Highway	M
	3022	Foster Gulch	I
	3014	Timber Canyon	I
	3002	Imigraht Gulch	M
	3003	Ruth Gulch	M

Table 7. Allotment Management Plans (AMPs) Revised in FY1989 and FY1990 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category
Burnt River	1003	Cave Creek	I
Keating	2024	Table Rick	I
Pedro Mountain	1037	Rye Valley	I
Baker County Miscellaneous	1015	East Table Mountain	I

Table 8. Allotment Categorization Changes in FY1989 and FY1990 by Geographic Unit

Geographic Unit	Allotment Number	Allotment Name	BLM Category From	To
Baker County Miscellaneous	2020	Crews Creek	I	M
	2035	Water Spout	M	I
	2099	Virtue Hills	I	M
	2108	Keating Highway	M	I
	1009	Slaughter House Mountain	I	M

of projects and activity plans outlined in the RMP has been the emphasis for the Wildlife and Fisheries program. This will continue over the next several years. Activity Plans such as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, (ACEC's), Coordinated Resource Management Plans, (CRMP) and Habitat Management Plans, (HMP's) have been and will continue to be completed in order to implement on-the-ground management projects. The Crystal Palace CRMP to enhance deer winter range was completed in FY90 and will be implemented in FY91. Implementation will continue on existing HMP's.

Reintroduction and transplants of wildlife species such as bighorn sheep, wild turkey, beaver and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse will be accomplished on public lands that provide suitable habitat.

The possible listing of several species of salmon emphasizes the need for intensive management of fisheries habitat. The need for an aquatic biologist in the Resource Area to take the lead on both fishery and riparian management has been identified in our position management plan.

Threatened and Endangered Species Management

The Baker Resource Area will continue participation in the third year of a cooperative project to inventory bald eagle populations and winter habitat use in northeast Oregon. We will continue monitoring nesting platform use by ferruginous hawks in the Virtue Flat area. We will participate in the first reintroduction of Columbian sharp-tailed grouse in Clear Lake Ridge in Wallowa County.

Laboratory analysis will be done on rainbow trout to determine if a pure strain of redband trout, a State sensitive species, still exists in the Powder River.

As part of the Threatened and Endangered Plants Program, we continue to do clearances of all proposed surface disturbing actions within the resource area.

Haplopappus radiatus (Snake River Golden weed) is currently listed as Endangered with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and candidate (C1) for listing as an Endangered species with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Efforts continue to map, inventory and document all *Haplopappus radiatus* locations in the District. The Baker Resource Area will continue to cooperate with the State of Oregon in a study of the effects of livestock grazing on *Haplopappus radiatus*. This study will consist of three or four areas where we will establish fenced and unfenced plots within a population and comparisons will then be made over time to discern the impacts of livestock use.

Efforts will continue to locate populations of other listed species as time and funding allows. A plant ecologist has been identified in the position management plan.

Lands Program Management

Emphasis in the lands program has been right-of-way processing and issuance, and unauthorized use inventory and resolution.

A total of 12 rights-of-way grants or amendments to grants were authorized. These were 7 roads, 2 communications sites, and 1 each of telephone lines, electric transmission line, and water pipeline.

Twenty-three suspected unauthorized use cases were resolved: 8 occupancy, 6 gravel stockpiles, 5 agricultural, 3 rights-of-way, and 1 asphalt plant. Resolution was accomplished by authorization, removal or discontinuance, or determination that the use did not exist or was located on non-federal land.

In addition to the above, three land use permits were issued, 1 each for agricultural use, a gravel crushing and stockpile site, and a portable asphalt plant. Two of these were issued to resolve unauthorized use. Field checks of four sanitary landfill sites have been made quarterly.

Case work in the coming year is expected to be similar, but with more emphasis on land exchanges. We also expect to spend additional time dealing with problems relating to the landfills.

Two easements were acquired which supported recreation improvements at the Spring Recreation Site and provided more effective public access to approximately 1,540 acres of public land. Access work in the coming year will be directed to supporting the forestry program in acquiring legal access for FY 91 timber sales.

Minerals Management

The US mining laws require the highest management priority be given to mineral resource development. Forty notices, disturbances of 5 acres or less, have been reviewed. One plan of operation for exploration drilling was assessed and authorized. Final reclamation has been very successful at several mine sites.

Increased compliance inspections on active mining operations to 2 or more per year has been attained due to increased funding and personnel. A total of 517 compliance inspections have been completed. Final compliance inspections or case consolidations have been completed on 100 pre-existing notices. Current case files include 185 notices and 3 plans of operation.

Mineral material resource development has included one noncompetitive mineral material sale and one free use permit for a total volume of approximately 1,050 cubic yards. One mining and reclamation plan has been completed. One suspected mineral material trespass has been reported.

Previously over 100,000 acres were leased for oil and gas. Oil and gas leases presently total 26 covering 47,060 acres. There is no production from any of the leases.

Four mineral potential reports have been completed for the three proposed withdrawals from mineral entry authorized by the ROD for the Oregon Trail geographic unit. Easements were negotiated with the claimant on Flagstaff Hill which allows the development of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at Flagstaff Hill to continue.

One mineral potential report has been completed for an application to purchase Federal mineral estate associated with privately owned surface. Three leasable mineral potential reports have been completed in support of proposed Forest Service exchanges.

Mineral resource development under the U.S. mining laws will continue to be the highest mineral management priority. An environmental assessment will be completed on a proposed plan of operation. Filings of new mineral exploration or mining notices or plans are anticipated to remain the same or decrease slightly. However, if a major precious metal mine and mill begins production in Malheur County then an increase in filings in the Baker Resource Area can be anticipated. A number of potential aggregate sites for new community pits will be evaluated.

Soil, Water, Air Management

Emphasis in the Soil, Water & Air program is soil stabilization, erosion control and riparian rehabilitation. The intent is to raise water tables and increase riparian vegetation. Instream stabilization is essential to riparian expansion. Since July, 1989, 57 instream structures were installed across 6 geographic units in the Baker Resource Area. Also, 6 miles of willow plantings, 2 miles of grass/forb seedings and 2 miles of browse plantings along these streams.

Currently, BLM is funding 3,000 acres of soils inventory on BLM Lands in Wallowa County and 180,000 acres of soils inventory on BLM Lands in Baker County.

Currently, monitoring includes 1 stream gauge, 16 channel profile cross-sections, 10 rain gauges, 16 photo points on Morgan Creek and 15 erosion studies. Work planned for 1991 includes a riparian enhancement project on Ruckles Creek #3 exclosure, watershed enhancement on Bulldozer - Waterspout allotments, Morgan Creek Watershed Plan implementation, and Dark Canyon Riparian implementation of Burnt River HMP.

Forest Management

The Bureau of Land Management has rewritten it's policy for the management of forest vegetation on Public Lands administered by BLM under FLPMA. This policy does not apply to forest lands in western Oregon administered under the O & C Act of 1937.

The objective of the Public Domain Forests Management Policy is, "to maintain, restore, improve, harvest, and replace forest vegetation on those lands and to manage to retain desired plant communities in forms which maintain genetic, structural, and successional conditions which benefit the uses of those lands in the long run."

The current thrust of Baker Resource Area's forestry program is to treat stands, under limits of the Allowable Sale Quantity, which have become susceptible to insects, disease or fire. Highest priority is assigned to those areas which lack diversity and contain a high percentage of insect damaged white fir, Douglas fir, or lodgepole pine. The management objective would be to remove the dead, damaged, or susceptible species while retaining an adequate seed source for ponderosa pine, western larch and Douglas fir Enough trees would be retained, including white fir or lodgepole pine if necessary, to provide vertical structure and future snags for wildlife.

The sites would generally be burned to remove fine fuels, but leave larger woody debris, and to expose soils for natural regeneration. The areas would be monitored, and if natural regeneration was inadequate within a 3-5 year period, they would be planted with species aimed at reestablishing a diverse forested stand. In certain instances, aspen, and other "noncommercial" species would be planted to improve non-timber values.

In addition, if funds are available, plans are to continue with precommercially thin or control stocking in unaffected stands to increase resistance to insect and disease attack, and to hand plant old timber sale areas where natural regeneration is inadequate. Site preparation of previous sale areas by mechanical means or prescribed fire is also dependent on funding, which lately has become somewhat more available. There is little current emphasis on active management of woodlands, so custodial protection can be expected to occur.

Projects accomplished in the forest management program include inventory of 6,400 acres, planting of 55 acres, regeneration survey of 430 acres, issuance of firewood permits for 300 cords of firewood, sale of 20,365 feet of posts and poles, sale of 20,000 pounds of juniper boughs and administration of two timber sales totaling 6,415 MBF.

Fire Management

The restoration of fire to it's natural role in all ecosystems across all geographic areas is the major emphasis of fire management in the Baker Resource Area. The exclusion of fire from that role for over a hundred years has resulted in massive accumulations of both natural and man caused fuels and dramatic shifts in plant communities away from desirable mid-seral stages. This next year we plan to begin fire history research and fuel mapping. Inventory of approximately 25,000 acres of forest communities and 25,000 acres of range communities should be completed by the end of FY91.

Cultural Resources

The emphasis in the cultural program has been support for the Flagstaff Hill project and implementation of the Oregon Trail management plan. Public awareness outreach for the Oregon Trail and archaeological resource have been implemented through programs to schools and interest groups. Protection and monitoring of the Snake River National Register district was not funded. The emphasis for FY91 will be development of a site plan for Echo Meadows on the Oregon Trail and continued outreach efforts and cultural clearances for resource projects.

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Complex

The major emphasis since 1989 has been preparing the architectural and engineering design, including contract preparation and issuance, coordinating contractor performance and preparing construction contract documents. The design contract was awarded in 1990 and remains on schedule. We have also coordinated project activities with the local community, organizing a volunteer support group and cooperating with the Oregon Trail Preservation Trust.

The construction contract award is planned for March, 1991 with grand opening ceremonies planned for May, 1992.

Recreation Management

The recreation program has focused on Wild and Scenic River plan development on the Grande Ronde and Powder Rivers, recreation development and maintenance at Spring Recreation Site, Grande Ronde River management, recreation maintenance at various sites, issuance of recreation use permits and Wilderness Study reports. Sixteen public scoping meetings were held in conjunction with the US Forest Service on the Grande Ronde, Powder River and others. Two Ad Hoc workgroups to assist the BLM in river planning have been formed for the Grande Ronde River. One workgroup is for the Oregon segment and one for the Washington segment. The Ad Hoc members represent 18 public constituencies and agencies. The focus for FY91 will be to provide a draft Wild and Scenic management plans for the Grande Ronde and Powder rivers.

The Spring Recreation Site facilities were upgraded in conjunction with State Marine Board funding. Projects completed included a new concrete boat ramp, new restrooms, 2 new parking areas, and a new access road. During FY91, floating docks will be added with additional improvements.

The Snake River Reservoirs Recreation Area Management Plan will be completed by the end of FY91. An Outdoor Recreation Planner position was added - partially funded by the State Marine board to do this project. Public meetings have been held to collect public issues with the reservoirs. The draft plan will also be open for public comment.

The Baker Resource Area issued 2 motorcycle off-road-vehicle (ORV) permits, 4 Mountain Bike race permits, 2 cross country skiing permits, 2 big game guide permits and 1 4X4 ORV race permit.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC'S)

Five draft management plans for the ACEC's have been prepared since July 1989. There are 4 remaining to be completed. All will be finalized by September 30, 1991. The withdrawal from mineral entry boundaries of the Keating ACEC will be revised in this document.

Noxious Weeds

Noxious weed control work has been undertaken only minimally since the RMP was published. Four separate control efforts were proposed, mostly by agencies outside the Bureau.

In cooperation with Umatilla County, the Oregon State Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Land Management, an inventory of noxious weeds was conducted on approximately a quarter of the Resource Area during the summer of 1990. It covered portions of most geographic units.

Table 9. Keating Riparian RNA/ACEC Withdrawal Description

Balm Creek - 74 acres

That portion of:

T.7S.,R.43E., WM
Section 31: SE1/4

T.8S.,R.,43.E., WM
Section 6: Lots 1 & 2
S1/2NE1/4; SE1/4NW1/4;
NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4;
N1/2SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4;
NW1/4SE1/4

lying within 250 feet of the center of Balm Creek, containing 74 acres, more or less.

Sawmill Creek - 82 acres

That portion of:

T.8S.,R.43E., WM.
Section 1: n1/2SW1/4;

lying within 500 feet of the center of Sawmill Creek, containing 39 acres, more or less.

That portion of:

T.8S.,R.43E., WM.
Section 1: W1/2SW1/4;
SE1/4SE1/4;
Section 12: N1/2NE1/4;
N1/2S1/2NE1/4

lying within 250 feet of the center of Sawmill creek and Rattlesnake Creek, containing 43 acres, more or less.

Clover Creek - 28 acres

That portion of:

T.7S.,R.42E., WM.
Section 25: W1/2NW1/4;

lying within 250 feet of the center of Clover Creek, containing 28 acres, more or less.

This coming year, we will continue to inventory noxious weeds in the Resource Area, again in cooperation with other agencies and people.

We expect to issue permits to Baker County, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Union Pacific Railroad which will authorize the application of herbicides on their rights-of-way. We expect to continue with the biological control of knapweed along the Grande Ronde River corridor and will initiate biological control of yellow starthistle in the Keating area. We also expect to initiate some small chemical control efforts on spot infestations of knapweed and leafy spurge in the Burnt River and Pedro Mountain Units, and of starthistle in some portions of the Keating Area and possible new discovery areas.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY GEOGRAPHIC UNITS

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 1

Livestock Grazing

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Two new allotments were created within this geographic unit from the division of the Snake River/Sisley Creek (1001) allotment. Two additional allotments were created in the Baker Miscellanous Geographic Unit (refer to Table 1).

- The grazing system in the new Snake River (1001) and Wells Basin (1070) allotments were changed from that historically used in the old Snake River/Sisley Creek (1001) allotment (refer to Table 2).

- One range improvement was completed in the Snake River (1001) allotment (refer to Table 3).

1991 Workload

- Two allotments are scheduled for collection of field monitoring data (refer to Table 6).

Riparian Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 1.5 miles of willow planting, grass/forb/browse seedings on Morgan Creek.

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Constructed a pole fence on Fox Creek to protect the riparian zone.

Lands

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed one communication site right-of-way.

- Resolved 1 occupancy trespass.

Minerals

Program Note: There are 18 NOIs (Notice of Intent for Exploration or Development) within the Lookout Mountain Geographic Unit which have been processed and are currently on file at the resource area office.

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 62 compliance inspections.

Soil, Water and Air

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 0.25 miles of erosion control on Chimney Creek.

- Completed 2 gibon instream structures on Fox Creek.

Forest Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Inventoried 4,000 acres in preparation for developing a forest management plan.

- Issued 48 firewood permits for 220 cords.

Fire Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed an 800 acre prescribed burn at Jordon Creek.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Issued 2 big game outfitter permits for bear, deer and elk.

- Completed installation of buck and pole fencing and reconstruction of rest room facilities at Bassar Diggins Recreation Site.

BURNT RIVER GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 2

Livestock Grazing

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- The grazing system on the pastures of the Cave Creek (1003) allotment was changed from spring use one year followed by fall use the next year to 2 years of spring grazing followed by 2 years of fall grazing (refer to Table 2).

- Four range improvements were completed (refer to Table 3).

- Two formal allotment evaluations were completed (refer to Table 4).

- One Allotment Management Plan (AMP) was revised (refer to Table 7).

1991 Workload

- One formal allotment evaluation is scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Riparian Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 1.5 miles of willow plantings, 4.0 acres of aspen plantings and 0.23 miles of grass/forb/browse seedings on Dark Canyon and Deer Creek.

- Completed 0.25 miles of willow plantings and grass/forb/browse seedings on Sutton Creek.

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Constructed the Burnt River Fence on the south side of the Burnt River Canyon to protect the riparian zone (refer to Table 3).

Minerals

Program Note: There are 53 NOIs within the Burnt River Geographic Unit which have been processed and are currently on file at the resource area office.

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 152 compliance inspections.

Soil, Water and Air

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Constructed 11 instream structures (gibons) on 0.75 miles of Dark Canyon.

- Constructed 36 instream structures (log dams) on 2.5 miles of Sutton Creek.

- Installed erosion control (hay bales and & logs) devices on 80 acres of Sutton Creek.

Forest Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Sold 20,000 pounds of juniper boughs.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Issued 1 big game outfitters permit for deer and elk.

Noxious Weed Control

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed mechanical control for Leafy Spurge on 25 acres.

KEATING GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 3

Livestock Grazing

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- One new allotment was created from the division of the Goose Creek (2032) allotment (refer to Table 1).

- Two formal allotment evaluations were completed (refer to Table 4).

- One Allotment Management Plan (AMP) was revised (refer to Table 7).

1991 Workload

- One allotment is scheduled for collection of field monitoring data (refer to Table 6).

- Two formal allotment evaluations are scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Prepared and coordinated Crystal Palace CRMP on the Keating deer winter range.

Minerals

Program Note: There are 3 NOIs within the Keating Geographic Unit which have been processed and are currently on file at the resource area office.

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 8 compliance inspections.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)

Program Note: The legal descriptions of the withdrawals from mineral entry under the mining laws prescribed for the Keating Unit by the Baker Resource Management Plan can be found on page 68 of the Record of Decision. However, due to the irregular shape of the sections involved, as surveyed on the ground, the legal descriptions probably do not cover all of the riparian zones as intended. Therefore, the withdrawals have been redescribed using metes and bounds descriptions which are shown in Table 9. The total acres to be withdrawn, approximately 184, will be approximately 1 acre less than the amount described in the Record of Decision.

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed an inventory of the Keating Riparian ACEC.

1991 Workload

- Completion of the draft and final ACEC management plans.

Noxious Weed Control

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed mechanical control of yellow starthistle on 100 acres.

PEDRO MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 4

Livestock Grazing

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- The grazing system on the pastures in the Rye Valley (1037) was changed from spring use one year followed by fall use the next year to two years of spring grazing followed by two years of fall grazing (refer to Table 2).

- One Allotment Management Plan (AMP) was revised (refer to Table 7).

1991 Workload

- Two formal allotment evaluations are scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Lands

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed one right-of-way for a road.

- Resolved 2 occupancy trespasses.

Minerals

Program Note: There are 24 NOIs within the Pedro Mountain Geographic Unit which have been processed and are currently on file at the resource area office.

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 74 compliance inspections.

Forest Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Burned 45 acres to prepare site for reforestation.

Fire Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- 710 acres (of which 250 acres were BLM) on Pedro Mountain burned as a result of wildfire in July 1990.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Issued 1 big game outfitter permit for elk and deer.

GRANDE RONDE GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 5

Lands

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Began work to acquire 940 acres of private land along the Grande Ronde River to protect wildlife and cultural resources and provide for increased recreation opportunities in Asotin County.

- Began work to exchange 240 acres of public land for 590 acres of private land along the Grande Ronde River to provide increased recreation opportunities, protect scenic values and increase management effectiveness in Wallowa County.

Forest Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Resolved a trespass involving 126 MBF of timber and began investigation of another suspected trespass of similar magnitude.

- Inventoried 2,400 acres.

Cultural Resources

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed preliminary reconnaissance of Grande Ronde River.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Issued and administered 38 commercial river permits.

- Established 2 Ad Hoc Teams for development of a recreation management plan for the Grande Ronde River.

- Conducted 16 public scoping meetings for Grande Ronde River Management Plan.

- Completed a draft Resource Assessment for the Grande Ronde River.

- Completed preliminary resource inventories for planning purposes.

- Established photo index for recreation monitoring of the river corridor.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Conducted an inventory of the Grande Ronde River ACEC.

1991 Work

- Completion of the draft and final ACEC management plans.

Noxious Weed Control

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- A biological control project of knapweed was completed on BLM lands along the Grande Ronde River in Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Asotin County (Washington) Noxious Weed Board.

HOMESTEAD GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 6

Lands

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 1 pipeline right-of-way amendment.
- Resolved 2 occupancy trespasses.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed Wilderness Study Area Interim Management Plan report.
- Conducted public scoping meetings for the Snake River Reservoirs Plan. **HOW MANY MEETINGS WERE HELD?**
- Issued 1 big game outfitter permit for elk, deer and bear.

Areas of Environmental Concern (ACECs)

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed a draft Homestead ACEC management plan.

1991 Work

- Completion of the final Homestead ACEC management plan.

PRITCHARD GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 7

Livestock Grazing

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Two range improvements were completed in the Pritchard Creek (2074) allotment (refer to Table 3).

Riparian Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 01.5 miles of willow planting on Pritchard Creek.

Minerals

Program Note: There is 1 NOI within the Pritchard Geographic Unit which have been processed and are currently on file at the resource area office.

OREGON TRAIL GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 8

Lands

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Acquired 58.7 acres of private land and an easement on 3.8 acres of private land in support of National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Livestock Grazing

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Issued 2 year cancellation notice for the grazing lease on Echo Meadows Oregon Trail site.

Minerals

Program Note: There is 1 NOI within the Oregon Trail Geographic Unit which have been processed and are currently on file at the resource area office.

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 6 compliance inspections.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Maintained 2 recreation areas (Flagstaff and Echo Meadows).
- Completed a photo index for recreation monitoring on Echo Meadows.

Cultural

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed annual monitoring of 5 Oregon Trail sites.

- Completed mineral reports for 3 Oregon Trail withdrawals.

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Complex

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Well successfully drilled (85-100 gallons per minute).

- Route 86 alteration completed by Oregon Department of Transportation.

- Partial rehabilitation of the mine haul road and other intrusions.

- Completed acquisition of 58.7 acres (refer to **Lands** section above).

- Mining easements and agreements signed.

- Trail Tenders, Inc. (volunteer support group) organized.

- Oregon Trail Preservation Trust (OTPT) incorporated.

- Mine buildings and artifacts acquired by Baker County.

- Marketing plan completed by McPhail & Associates

- Marketing implemented: OTPT/Baker County secured $42,000 grant from the Fred Meyer Foundation.

- BLM Project Manager hired.

- BLM Project Office opened in Baker City in August 1989.

- Architectural/Engineering contract awarded to the PORTICO group, Seattle, Washington.

- Data recovery agreement completed for Flagstaff Hill.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed the Oregon Trail ACEC Management Plan.

UNITY GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 9

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed the draft Unity Reservior Bald Eagle Nest Habitat ACEC management plan.

1991 Workload

- Completion of the final Unity Reservior Bald Eagle Nest Habitat ACEC management plan.

SHEEP MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 10

Wildlife Habitat

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed a bighorn sheep transplant near Sheep Mountain.

Lands

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Resolved 1 occupancy trespass.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Conducted interim management monitoring on the Sheep Mountain Wilderness Study Area.

- Completed wilderness study reports for Sheep Mountain Wilderness Study Area.

- Issued 1 big game outfitter permit for elk, deer and bear.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed the draft Sheep Mountain ACEC management plan.

1991 Workload

- Completion of the final Sheep Mountain ACEC management plan.

HUNT MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 11

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed the draft Hunt Mountain ACEC management plan.

1991 Workload

- Completion of the final Hunt Mountain ACEC management plan.

POWDER RIVER GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 12

Livestock Grazing

1991 Workload

- Two allotments are scheduled for collection of field monitoring data (refer to Table 6).

Riparian Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 0.5 miles of willow plantings on Big Creek.

Wildlife and Fisheries

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Updated the draft Powder River Canyon Habitat Management Plan.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Held public scoping meetings for Powder River Wild and Scenic River Management Plan.
- Completed a draft Resource Assessment for the Powder River Management Plan.
- Completed a photo index for recreation monitoring.

BLUE MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 13

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Participated in development of a strategy plan for a proposed 1991 reintroduction of Columbian Sharp-tailed grouse in Wallowa County.

Lands

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Issued 1 agriculture permit
- Issued 2 road rights of way
- Issued 1 powerline right of way
- Resolved 4 agriculture trespasses
- Resolved 2 stockpile trespasses
- Resolved 3 rights of way trespasses
- Resolved 1 occupancy trespass
- Began 4 road easements to provide administrative access to 200 acres of BLM and 320 acres of US Forest Service lands in support of the forestry program.

Minerals

Program Note: There is 1 NOI within the Blue Mountain Geographic Unit which have been processed and are currently on file at the resource area office.

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 1 compliance inspection.

Forest Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Sold one timber sale contract for 761 MBF.
- Issued 10 firewood permits for 30 cords.
- Precommercially thinned 55 acres.

Cultural Resources

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed inventory of 10 acres in support of project proposals.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)

Program Note: The resource area is presently in the process of amending the RMP to designate approximately 1,288 acres of public land along the South Fork of the Walla Walla River as an ACEC.

Noxious Weed Control

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed a 2,000 acre noxious weed inventory cooperatively with Umatilla County in the Juniper Canyon area.

ORV Management

Program Note: All public lands on the South Fork of the Walla Walla River are designated limited Off Road Vehicle Use restricting all vehicles to existing roads and trails. This limited vehicle closure is in effect year-long. This designation has been in effect since 1980.

BAKER COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS GEOGRAPHIC UNIT - 14

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Livestock management categories for five allotments were changed (refer to Table 8).
- Two new allotments were created within this geographic unit from the division of the Snake River/Sisley Creek (1001) allotment. One new allotment was created from division of the Table Mountain (1016) allotment (refer to Table 1).
- One allotment received an increase in grazing preference (refer to Table 1).
- The grazing system in the new Morgan Creek (1068) and Sisley Creek (1069) allotments were changed from the historical grazing systems (refer to Table 2).
- Six range improvements were completed (refer to Table 3).
- Four formal allotment evaluations were completed (refer to Table 4).
- One Allotment Management Plan (AMP) was revised (refer to Table 7).

1991 Workload

- Eight allotments are scheduled for collection of field monitoring data (refer to Table 6).
- One formal allotment evaluation is scheduled to be completed (refer to Table 5).

Riparian Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 1.0 mile of willow planting on Ruckles Creek exclosure.

Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Planted 1.5 acres on Iron Mountain Food Plot for upland birds.

Lands

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Issued 1 stockpile and 1 asphalt plant land use permit
- Issued 4 road rights-of-way
- Issued 1 communication site rights-of-way
- Issued 1 telephone cable rights-of-way
- Resolved 4 stockpile trespasses
- Resolved 1 agriculture trespass
- Resolved 1 occupancy trespass
- Resolved 1 asphalt plant trespass
- Acquired 2 easements to support recreation improvement at Spring Recreation Site. These easements also provided more effective public access to approximately 1,540 acres of public land.

Minerals

Program Note: There are 80 NOIs and 2 Plans of Operations within the Baker Miscellanous Geographic Unit which have been processed and are currently on file in the resource area office.

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 214 compliance inspections.

Soil, Water and Air Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed 0.5 miles of erosion control on the Ruckles Creek exclosures.
- Completed 0.5 miles of erosion control on the Iron Mountain exclosure.

Forest Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Sold four timber sale contracts for 5,654 MBF.
- Issued 20 firewood permits for 50 cords and permitted removal of 20,365 lineal feet of posts and poles.
- Precommercially thinned 125 acres.
- Planted 55 acres and performed regeneration surveys on 430 acres.
- Protected 55 acres of new conifer plantation with new fence construction.

Recreation

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- Completed development of the Spring Recreation site which included construction of a new access road, 2 parking areas, rest rooms and a boat ramp. Acquired funding for floating docks.
- Maintained an additional four recreation sites along the three reservoirs.
- Issued 2 motorcycle ORV permit, 4 mountain bike race permits, 2 cross country ski permits and one 4X4 ORV race permit.

ORV Management

1989 - 1990 Accomplishments

- The west fork of Sutton Creek was closed to all vehicles to protect resource values and reduce erosion.

ERRATA SHEET

The following corrections need to be incorporated into the Baker Resource Management Plan Record of Decision document dated July 1989.

1. Page 3 - Footnote number 1: Footnote 1 should be changed to read as follows.

   "Baker Resource Area managed portion only. The balance of public land in the Vale District is managed by both the Malheur and Jordan Resource Areas."

2. Page 15 - **Support** Section: The Washington Department of Wildlife and Washington Department of Fisheries should be added to the agencies with which we will coordinate.

3. Page 57 - **Management Action** subsection: - Replace "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the **Lookout Mountain Riparian Areas, Condition and Trend** (page 56) and **Lookout Mountain Fisheries** (page 57) tables."

4. Page 61 - **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT** section - **Management Action** subsection: - Replace "Monitor fish habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the **Burnt River Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend** (page 61) and **Burnt River Fisheries** (page 62) tables."

5. Page 66 - **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT** section - **Management Action** subsection: - Replace "Monitor fish habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the **Keating Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend** (page 65) and **Keating Fisheries** (page 66) tables."

6. Page 71 - **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT** section - **Management Action** subsection: - Replace "Monitor fishery habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the **Pedro Mountain Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend** (page 70) and **Pedro Mountain Fisheries** (page 71) tables."

7. Page 75 - **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT** section - **Management Action** subsection: - Replace "Maintain fishery habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the **Grande Ronde Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend** (page 75) and **Grande Rhonde Fisheries** (page 76) tables."

8. Page 83 - **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT** section - **Management Action** subsection: - Replace "Monitor fishery habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the **Pritchard Creek Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend** (page 82) and **Pritchard Creek Fisheries** (page 83) tables."

9. Page 98 - **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT** section - **Management Action** subsection: - Replace "Monitor fish habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the **Powder River Canyon Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend** (page 99) and **Powder River Canyon Fisheries** (page 99) tables."

10. Page 106 - **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HABITAT** section - **Management Action** subsection: - Replace "Inventory and monitor fisheries habitat condition and trend on the following streams:" with "Inventory and monitor fish habitat conditions and trend on those streams depicted in the **Blue Mountain Riparian Areas - Condition and Trend** (page 105) and **Blue Mountain Fisheries** (page 105) tables."

11. Page 106 - **OFF ROAD VEHICLES** section: The RMP inadvertently failed to state that the BLM lands on the South Fork of the Walla River are designated limited Off Road Vehicle Use restricting all vehicles to existing roads and trails. This designation has been in effect since 1980. The following should be inserted between the **OFF ROAD VEHICLES** heading and the **Resource Condition Objective** subheading.

    "BLM lands on the South Fork of the Walla River are designated limited Off Road Vehicle Use restricting all vehicles to existing roads and trails."

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) REGISTER

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires an environmental analysis of the potential effects of on-the-ground actions be completed prior to approval of the action. NEPA also requires such analyses be open to the public.

During Fiscal Year (FY) 1991, the Baker Resource Area will be analyzing several on-the-ground actions which may be completed in FY1991 or in future years. To facilitate public participation in this process, Table 10 is a register of the Environmental Assessments (EAs) which are anticipated to be completed in FY1991.

If you wish to received one or more of the listed EAs, please notify the Baker Resource Area Manager in writing at the address shown in the Introductory Letter. In order to assure receiving the correct EA(s), please indicated the "Area Register Number" and the "Project Name".

Table 1 - United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Baker Resource Area

Environmental Assessment Register

Area Register Number	Project Name	Proposed Action	Location	Affected Special Area	Est. EA Completion Date	Est. FONSI Decision Date
1	4-Corner Well Pipeline - South Extension	Construct 2 miles of pipeline including storage tank and 2 troughs	T.8 & 9S.,R.41E., Sec. 33 & 4 Baker Co.	None	Spring 1991	Spring 1991
2	North Flagstaff Allotment Division Fence	Construct 2 miles of 4 wire, steel post fence	T.9S.,R.41E., Sec. 3-5 Baker Co.	None	Spring 1991	Spring 1991
3	Table Rock Allotment Division Fence	Relocate 2 miles of pasture fence to accommodate CRMP proposals	T.3S.,R.44E., Sec. 29 & 32 Baker Co.	CRMP Area	Spring 1991	Spring 1991
4	Table Rock Allotment Spring Developments	Relocate 1 spring trough & construct 2 other spring sources	T.8S.,R.44E.	CRMP Area	Spring 1991	Spring 1991
5	Hibbard Creek Cross Fence	Construct 2.5 miles of 4 wire, steel post fence	T.11S.,R.44E. Sec. 14 Baker Co.	None	Spring 1991	Spring 1991
6	Crystal Palace					
7	Bighorn Sheep Transplant	Reintroduction of bighorn sheep	Lookout Mtn. Baker Co.	None	December 1990	December 1990
8	Byrne Land Exchange	Land Exchange	T.8S.,R.42E. Sec 34 & 35 T.9S.,R.42E., Sec. 1, 12, 24 T.9S.,R.44E. Sec. 4-5, 9, 15 Baker Co.	None	Winter 1990	Spring 1991
9	Jacobs Land	Land Exchange	R.8S.,R.42E. Sec 34 & 35; T.9S.,R.43E., Sec. 7, 19; T.9S.,R.44E. Sec. 4-6, 9, 15 Baker Co.	None	Winter 1990	Spring 1991
10	Oregon Trail Electric Powerline Right-of-Way	Relocate electric line around Flagstaff Hill	T.9S.,R.41E. Sec. 5 & 6 Baker Co.	None	October 1990	October 1990
11	Forsea Road Right-of-Way	Timber Haul Road	T.11S.,R.45E. Sec. 10,11,15,31&22 Baker Co.	None	Winter 1990	Winter 1990

Area Register Number	Project Name	Proposed Action	Location	Affected Special Area	Est. EA Completion Date	Est. FONSI Decision Date
12	Hubbard Road Right-of-Way	Access Road	T.2N.,R.48E. Sec. 21 Wallowa Co.	None	Spring 1991	Spring 1991
13	Pine Telephone Line Right-of-Way	Buried Telephone Cable	T.8S.,R.46E. Sec. 31 Baker Co.	None	Fall 1990	Fall 1990
14	Eagle Telephone Line Right-of-Way	Buried Telephone Cable	T.9S.,R.45E. Sec. 35; T.10S.,R.45E. Sec. 2, 10, 11; T.11S.,R.45E. Sec. 26 Baker Co.	None	Spring 1991	Spring 1991
15	Cold Spring Ranch Land Use Permit	Agricultural Permit	T.11S.,R.46E. Sec. 13 Umatilla Co.	None	Winter 1990	Winter 1990
16	Forsea Land Use Permit	Permit for corrals, out-buildings, & horse pasture	T.11S.,R.46E. Sec. 19 Baker Co.	None	Winter 1990	Spring 1991
17	Grand Ronde River Land Exchange	Land Exchange	T.6N.,R.43E. T.5N.,R.42E Wallowa Co.	Wild & Scenic River	August 1991	November 1991
18	South Fork Walla River Land Acquisition	Acquisition of 715 acres of provate Land	T.4N.,R.37E. Sec. 12 & 13; T.4N.,R.38E. Sec. 7 Umatilla Co.	None	May 1991	June 1991
19	Ruckles Creek #3 Enclosure	Instream structure	T.9S.,R.42E. Sec. 5 Baker Co.	None	March 1991	April 1991
20	Bull-dozer Water Spout Watershed Area Plan	Instream structure	T.8S.,R.42E. Sec. 34; T.9S.,R.42E. Sec. 3 Baker Co.	None	March 1991	April 1991
21	Grande Ronde River Management Plnan	Development of draft management plan	NE Oregon and SE Washington Wallowa & Asotin Co.	Wild & Scenic River	Fiscal Year 1992	Fiscal year 1992
22	Powder River Management Plan	Development of draft management plan	NE Oregon Baker Co.	Wild & Scenic River	Fiscal Year 1992	Fiscal Year 1992
23	Snake River Reservoir Plan	Development of draft management plan	NE Oregon Baker Co.	Wild & Scenic River	Fiscal Year 1992	Fiscan Year 1992
24	Ech Meadows Oregon Trail Interpretive Site	Construction of Interpretive wayside at Echo Meadows	T.3N.,R28E. Sec. 22 Umatilla Co.	Oregon Trail ACEC	July 1991	August 1991
25	Estes Plan of Operation	Mining & Reclamation Plan	T.9S.,R.39E. Sec. 23 Baker Co.	None	January 1991	April 1991
26	Biological Control Agent Release	Release of biological control agent *Centaurea* species for control of knapweed & starthistle	Throughout Baker Resource Area	None	March 1991	March 1991

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VALE DISTRICT MAILING LIST

Government Printing Office regulations require BLM to periodically verify the accuracy and need for mailing lists. This process reduces mailing address errors and keeps on the list only those individuals and groups actively interested in the Vale BLM District's resource programs and issues.

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Resource Programs/Issues

The following information categories currently exist on the District's mailing list. Please circle those resource programs/issues for which you would like to receive information. **Your name will be removed from our mailing list if this form is not returned by November 30, 1991.** Should you receive other "Yearly Update" documents from the Vale District, only <u>one</u> mailing list insert needs to be returned.

Cultural - Native American Coordination
Cultural - Oregon Trail
Cultural - General

Environ. Analysis - EA Register (refer to EA Register section of this document.)

Fire - General
Fire - Fire Suppression

Forestry - General
Forestry - Timber Sales

Minerals - WSA Plans of Operation
Minerals - Other Plans of Operation
Minerals - Grassy Mtn. Project*

Noxious Weeds - General

Planning - Resource Management Plans
Planning - Baker Yearly RMP Updates
Planning - Jordan Yearly MFP Updates
Planning - Malheur Yearly MFP Updates

Procurement - Contracting
Procurement - Small Lot Sales

Range Management - General

Recreation - General
Recreation - Off Road Vehicles
Recreation - Scenic Byways

Special Mgmt. Areas - Research Natural Areas, Areas of Environmental Concern, Outstanding Natural Areas

Water Quality - General

Wilderness - General

Wild Horses - General

Wildlife - General

Wild/Scenic River - N. Fork Malheur River
Wild/Scenic River - Grand Ronde River
Wild/Scenic River - Owyhee River
Wild/Scenic River - Powder River
Wild/Scenic River - Wallowa Study River

* If you have previously indicated a desire to receive information on the Grassy Mountain project, your name will remain on that mailing list (even if not circled on this form).

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